

# TOLLIVER KILLED.

## A BAND OF TWO HUNDRED MEN SUDDENLY APPEAR IN MOREHEAD

## AND SURROUND CRAIG TOLLIVER'S GANG OF DESPERADOES.

## Four Killed in an Attempt to Escape and Three Others Captured.

## Twenty-one Lives the Cost of a Two Years Feud.

LOUISVILLE, June 23.—In Kentucky's shame the lawless county of Rowan, was this morning enacted what will, beyond all doubt, prove the final chapter in the bloodiest mountain vendetta known to the history of the State. The culmination was reached in the tragic end of four desperate men who forfeited their lives while resisting the mandates of the law. After the destruction of thousands of dollars' worth of property and, up to this writing, the loss of twenty-one lives, Rowan county can now return to peace and prosperity. Craig Tolliver, the famous desperado, was probably the immediate cause of the outraged law being vindicated. To-day's good work ends the succession of tragedies that have been enacted in that county since the beginning of the Martin-Tolliver feud, not quite two years ago, the result of which up to date has been the sending of twenty-one souls into eternity; the maiming and crippling for life of at least a score more of persons; the destruction of all social relations and of nearly the entire business interests of the county, and the bringing about of a state of

### LAWLESSNESS AND TERRORISM

that has driven good men, with their families, away from home and friends to seek new homes in other parts of the country, where they might live without being in constant fear of their lives.

In the August, 1884, election, after a heated contest, Cook Humphreys was elected Sheriff of Rowan county by forty-seven majority over Sam Goodwin. During the canvass many animosities were engendered—the Martins allying themselves with Humphreys and the Tollivers with Goodwin's cause. Craig Tolliver, the leader of the latter faction, whose name in Kentucky has grown as notoriously familiar as was that of Jesse James in Missouri several years ago, swore, after the election, that Humphreys should never ride Rowan county as Sheriff. Since that date life after life has been offered up on the altar of hatred and bad blood with increasing frequency, despite the best efforts of judiciary and militia, backed by the strong

### ARM OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

The names of the victims, in the order killed, are as follows:

Solomon Bradley, John Martin, Whit Pelfrey, B. Caudelle, Deputy Sheriff Baumgartner, Mason Keelon, John Marlow, John Davis, Wiley Tolliver, — Witcher, Willie Logan, Ben Rayburn, John Day, Floyd Tolliver, and a party whose name is not remembered, besides the two recent victims, John B. Logan and W. H. Logan, and to-day's last, Craig Tolliver, Bud Tolliver, Jay Tolliver and Hiram Cooper.

A special to the Courier-Journal from Lexington, Ky., gives the particulars, as follows:

The news from Rowan county to-day is of the most exciting character, as it appears to be an indisputable fact that Craig Tolliver is killed and

### HIS GANG DISMEMBERED FOREVER.

The news comes by a Lexington minister and others who came through Morehead to-day on the Chesapeake & Ohio train from Norfolk, Va., at about 9:30 o'clock this morning. When this train was within a few miles of Morehead it was flagged by some citizens, and when it came to a stop they informed the conductor that a bloody battle was going on in Morehead between a Sheriff's posse and the Tolliver gang, and that it would not be safe for the train to proceed until hostilities ceased. The passengers and trainmen were all very much frightened, and at their solicitation the conductor ran the train to Martin's switch, two miles and a half east of Morehead. There they remained until nearly 12 o'clock, when they were notified that the fighting was over and that the train might pass through the town with safety. The train stopped for some time at Morehead, and the passengers learned the

### PARTICULARS OF THE BATTLE,

which appear to be about as follows:

Sheriff Hogg, presumably acting under instructions from the State authorities, for he recently visited Frankfort to see Gov. Knott, has been for a week quietly organizing a very large posse of determined men in the upper part of Rowan County and in the adjoining counties for the purpose of arresting Craig Tolliver, or all the party who were implicated in the murder of the Logan boys some two weeks ago. Craig Tolliver had received intimations of this, but they were so vague that he supposed the party would be regulators instead of a Sheriff's posse. Tolliver and his party, consisting of about ten men, were quite vigilant, and went heavily armed to meet every eastward bound train at the depot to search for suspicious characters, and to see that no one got off at Morehead but those whom they desired.

Sheriff Hogg equipped his large party with Winchester rifles and the ammunition was secretly conveyed to his rendezvous while he was organ-

izing the posse. Everything was ready for the move.

### ON THE TOLLIVER GANG

several days ago, but as it was known that neither he nor any of his men would peaceably submit to legal arrest of any kind, it was deemed best to have the plans thoroughly matured before taking any decisive step. It was finally determined to attempt the arrests of the assassins Wednesday, June 22, in the daytime, to prevent any women, children or inoffensive citizens from being killed by accident. Accordingly at an early hour this morning people living on the line of the railroad within two or three miles of Morehead on each side of town were notified to stop all trains and inform the conductors what was going on in Morehead, so that the passengers and train men would not be placed in danger. Sheriff Hogg's band of resolute men, numbering probably more than two hundred, appeared suddenly at Morehead about 8 o'clock this morning. A cordon was first established around the entire town in the brush where the men could not be seen. The Sheriff then entered the town at the head of about 100 well armed men. Craig Tolliver and his ten followers

### IMMEDIATELY RETREATED

to the Cottage Hotel, which they had previously barricaded in such a manner as to make it quite a formidable fortification. Sheriff Hogg then notified Tolliver that he had warrants for the arrest of all the men implicated in the killing of the Logan boys and asked that they all submit peaceably to arrest under the law. Tolliver's reply was that neither he nor his men would be arrested, and that a hundred men could not take them. His party then opened fire upon the Sheriff's posse. Quite a brisk rattle of musketry ensued, and the fighting was kept up probably for two hours. The only casualty for a time was a flesh wound received by one of the Sheriff's posse. The attacking party, however, were gradually drawing their lines closer around Tolliver's fortification, and the besieged party, finding things growing too warm, finally concluded to make

### A BOLD RUSH FOR LIBERTY,

cut their way through the Sheriff's lines, and take to the adjacent brush, which once reached would afford them a sure escape. But as they made the rush they were met by a tremendous volley which killed Craig Tolliver, Bud Tolliver, Jay Tolliver and Hiram Cooper. They were all shot through the heart and died instantly. Craig Tolliver seems to have been a general target, as he was so thoroughly riddled as to be scarcely recognizable. The other men of the gang got through safely, but as they approached the brush they were met by a volley from the outside cordon, a line of men stationed ten or twelve feet apart all around the town. This volley wounded Cate Tolliver, a 12 year old boy, and three others, all of whom were captured except Cate Tolliver, who crawled into the brush and escaped. The other three also escaped, but one was captured afterward. This brought the battle to an end, and the slain were gathered up and laid out in the street, where they were viewed by the people and the passengers from the train.

BLOOMINGTON, ILLS, Sept. 18, 1882  
Mess. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.  
Have taken Hall's Catarrh Cure. Had catarrh all my life; am 48 years old. Had asthma 19 years, and a dreadful cough for five years. Have taken everything; went to the Hot Springs; I have doctored with the doctors here; I have done nothing but take medicine for 19 years. When I commenced using Hall's Catarrh Cure I was almost dead. I sent for the doctor the day I got Hall's Catarrh Cure, and I told him that I would die any way and that I would try your medicine. I was very bad. How I suffered for 9 years! I could hardly breathe at times. I saw Hall's Catarrh Cure advertised in the papers and commenced taking it. I would have been under the ground to-day if it had not been for that. I have not had one bad spell of coughing since. In breathing my head feels well and I am well. It has done me a thousand dollars worth of good. There are ten of my friends, on seeing what it had done for me, taking it, and it is helping them. I only wish that every one who has catarrh, asthma and a bad cough could see me, so that I could tell them all to take it. All that know me here know how I have suffered. (I have been here since 1858,) and say to me that "I am so glad you found something that could cure you." Everyone says, "how much better you look." The doctors say they are glad I found Hall's Catarrh Cure as they could not cure me.

I cannot express my gratitude to you for the good Hall's Catarrh Cure has done me. You can use as much of this letter as will do the afflicted good. Publish it to the whole world—it is all true and they should know it.

JOSEPHINE CHESMAN.

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At the election of Principal of the High School at Henderson last week, there was a lively time between the Clark and Posey factions. Clark had 6 friends to Posey's 5 on the board and the scheme was to defeat Posey and elect Miss Haynes. One of Clark's friends had promised Prof. W. H. Overby, a young man of Henderson, to vote for him on the first ballot and learning of this Posey's friends elected him on the first ballot. The result was a great surprise to the outwitted Clark faction. Clark was re-instated as Superintendent of the Public Schools.

The Southern Exposition for 1887 will open at Louisville Aug. 27 and continue until Oct. 22. Col. J. M. Wright is at the head of the undertaking and is making every effort to make it a pronounced success. It will be the only exposition in the south this year and the season of the year, the location, and the character of the show all combine to assure its success. The terms of admission have been fixed at the nominal price of 25 cents.